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Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Board Members:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FORMS AND ANNUAL TIMEFRAME FOR THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

SUMMARY:

DOFAW is requesting the approval of the Board to establish an annual timeframe for the Legacy Land Conservation Program and to authorize the Chairperson to approve minor revisions to the application form, the evaluation form, and the annual timeline used for the program.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grants authority to the Board for the creation of an annual program for land acquisition. The Board first approved program materials for the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) produced by a planning consultant at its June 6, 2006, meeting. After the April 25, 2007, confirmation of the advisory Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the Commission produced recommendations on revisions to the LLCP application form, the evaluation form, and the grant process timeline. The Board approved these recommendations on August 24, 2007. In anticipation of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2009 grant cycle, the Commission has again advised the Department on minor revisions to the application form and timeline. DOFAW is requesting that the Board grant authority to the Chairperson to approve these changes to the LLCP's timeline and forms on an annual basis.

DISCUSSION:

For Fiscal Year 2009, the LLCP will request project applications on August 1, 2008, with the deadline set as September 15, 2008. Following a brief review by DOFAW staff for accuracy and completeness, the project applications will be delivered to the Commission. The Commission will follow its own timeline for reviewing recommendations and

producing recommendations for the Board. Following the Commission's recommendations, the Department will conduct a consultation meeting with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Department will then bring recommendations and consultations on the FY09 LLCP applications to the Board by the end of April 2009.

DOFAW plans to follow a similar process and timeline every year. DOFAW is requesting that the Board grant authority to the Chairperson to approve these changes to the LLCP's timeline and forms on an annual basis so that the Commission can easily and efficiently make minor revisions as needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board:

Provide the Chairperson with the authority to approve revisions to the forms and annual timelines used for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THEILEN, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources